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Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) within which to respond to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003 and to file a Notice of Appeal. Filed with this document are: 1) a response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested and 2) the Notice of Appeal.

Please charge the extension fee of \$110 to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No. 07-1765 any additional fees which are deemed to be required, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

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The undersigned may be contact at (864) 433-2496. Please address all correspondence to the below-indicated address.

Respectfully submitted,

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